

Someone whispered nervously to a soda; I meanheads and drew quick breaths. People glanced from side to side, and a few what she was saying. Probably not wing and travelled as far as the middle What did anything matter now? He of the stage. It was followed by a went without a word. larger, rolling cloud. The effect was in-

a woman started up frantically, "Fire! he turned round.

In an instant the huge theatre was a seething, swaying mass; from all For a few seconds people were pushed in purposeless groups hither and thither. Then suddenly the crowd broke "No," he said, and spread his coat Then suddenly the crowd broke

In the middle of the house, very him to share the coat. Then suddenly still, sat a group of three. The Woman she laughed. was in the middle, the Husband on her "It's queer, isn't it," she said, "that right, the Other Man on her left. For we should think about getting our the first few seconds it seemed as it clothes dusty-now?" they must be swept off their seats. He did not answer. He was twisting Then with a quick movement, the a button on his overcoat round and Other Man wheeled half round on his round; it came off in his hand. Sudchair, put one hand on the back of denly he spoke. "You are very brave." the Woman's seat and the other on the he said. seat before her. The Husband silent- She drew a quivering breath. "I'm ly followed his example. They were trying to be brave enough for two," both big. strong men. Their hands she said in a low voice. met in a steady grip behind and in | He made no reply: he did not want front of her. Thus till the rush was to understand. over they formed a human cage for her protection, shunting off by their "that we moved. Perhaps-he will braced rigid frames, their crowding, not find us here." frantic neighbors.

"Thank you," she said quitely, when the middle of the theatre was deserted. "I couldn't have borne to be touched me?" by such-animals." She gave a hurried glance at the nearest mass of humanity and then fixed her eyes whimsically on the smoke-clouded stage in front. "What do they remind one of?" she asked as though thinking aloud.

It was the Other Man who answered. "Pigs," he said contemptuously; "pigs, when the trough has just been filled, -crowding toward it."

She half turned her head towards

She paused, shudneighbor. One or two men lifted their dering . "Only go," she added faintly. What did she mean? Did she know feet shuffled uneasily. Then a tiny he decided. What had he said himself puff of smoke came from the left a minute ago? He could not remember.

The Other Man stared straight in front of him. His face was a mask. "Fire!" shrieked a shrill voice, and For a minute they sat very still. Then

"Come," he said in an ordinary voice, "it is time to move."

She gave him her hand, and he helpsides burst screams, sobs, and oaths ed her over chairs and wooden forms

into rocking unwieldly sections, each on the floor; "Here, please. The nearer pushing, fighting, tearing towards the the ground, the less smoke, you know." She sat down silently, and motioned

"It's queer, isn't it," she said, "that

her hand. "That was nice of you," she said gently. "Yes, I am going to make up to him. I pray God, he will never

"I'm glad," she added hurriedly

He turned swiftly, with a rush of

joy. "Elizabeth!" he cried.
"Then you are content here with

She brushed her hand across her eyes. "Oh, I don't know what I'm say-I'm angry and distressed and humiliated. I don't want to die; but if I've got to, I'd rather be near somebody brave like--like you. "Elizabeth," he said passionately,

Don't you know-She started. "Oh, hush!" she mur-

She looked at him a reproachful pout. "Must you inquire into all your ured. "It is so near—the end."
"That is just why," he said, and mured.

"I only wondered-"Of course," she interrupted, "I knew you would, and I meant to tell you. But you'll despise me. You've got a very unheroic wife, John. When I asked you to go I was—she went on steadily-"I was nearly dead with fright, and I couldn't bear to have you to see it; so I said the first thing I thought of to get rid of you while I got over it; What did I say?--I didn't know what I was saying, John. -I did get over it."

ing gave way taking them both with it,

The two stood up. Firemen and po-

mouth, and though they were not strict-

ly true, the effect of the lowered cur-

tain was magical. The crowd was pre

ceptibly thinner, noticeably calmer, but round each exit were gruesome proofs

They looked at each other. "It's John," she said faintly.

it all, Elizabeth. Do you know"---he

looked at his watch-"it's all hap-

The Other Man noticed it. "Eliza

"Yes," she answered, her eyes search

"You are going to make up to him somehow for-for saying that to

Her eyes softened and she held ou

"Elizabeth!" He had found her at

last. The Other Man slipped away.
"I've found a way," he exclaimed breathlessly. "Come along."

"Oh," she cried, "you've hurt your hand; it's bleeding."

no; it's nothing. I had rather a bother

When they were in their carriage and

ward silence. Elizabeth had just

finished bandaging his hand with the

"Dear," he said at last, "would you

-you asked

aid of both their handkerchiefs.

wife's weaknesses?" she asked

mind telling me why you-me to go away?"

He held out the other to her.

beth!" he said, half shamefaced y.

pened in less than ten minutes?" "Really?" she said. "It can't be possible." But her eyes were searching

"Yes," he said, and his smile was

"It's John. Good-bye. Forget

What have I done?"

got the curtain down."

icemen were everywhere.

"No danger! No danger!"

of the violence of the panic.

"Elizabeth!"

for her husband.

ing the crowd.

know what I thought."

why I've been so long."

She followed him silently.

bitter.

saw.

His face cleared and he bent and tissed her. His voice was very tender. Elizabeth, my wife-" he said. "Do ou know"-he laughed light-heart edly-"I've been worrying like everything about it. I fancied you thought was in a funk about myself. I-I hought you meant that."

She stared at him, then burst out aughing hysterically and threw her arms round his neck. "Oh, you dear, larling old stupid!" she cried.

"Don't you know yet that women never mean what they seem to mean? He made a mock gesture of despair. her ray evidence. 'So now that you seem to mean you beth, what do you really mean?"

I consider you just perfect," she whis- that fact that endeared him to them. pered.

Upstairs in their own room, when he had gone down to give some orders sessed by him in a superlative degree, to the servants. Elizabeth wandered to was very largely due to his remarkathe window. Her eyes were troubled, ble tact. Suddenly she knelt down and buried her face in her hands, "God grant," she supplicated, "that he will never know-I do love him. I have always loved him-but that I should have thought him afraid!" Sketch.

FEAT OF AMATEUR ROBBER.

Met With Entire Success in Separating Man From his Watch.

If a man who was robbed of a gold watch in Chicago, under peculiar conditions which he will recognize from in German, English or French, appearthe recital of the adventure by the rob ed that failed to receive his attention, ber, will communicate with Hobart J. and many such were read and dis-Allen, of Irving Park, Chicago, he can it must all be over. Haven't we a have back his timepiece, along with a

Mr. Allen recently bought a revolver to protect himself from hold-up men ably dressed woman, her face made She was thinking shamefacedly of the who have fleeced several victims in a grayness of her husband's face as she long subway under the Northwestern had last seen it. The blood of a dozen Railway tracks. He was kept at his every shade of terror and ferocity, generations of pioneers and warriors business until quite late one night rewas surging through her own veins cently, and starting home he put his pistol in his pocket with a feeling of much satisfaction.

The approach to the subway was dimly lighted by a single lamp. He plunged into the cavern and walked through. A figure dimmed the exit She tried not to think of it. "I love my and as the two men met, the roar of passing trains startled them, and they brushed each other in passing. A moment later Allen felt for his watch. It was not in his pocket. He ran back through the subway and overtook the other man just as he was emerging.

"Hand over that watch or I'll blow your head off!" he shouted. The man leaped over a stone abutment and ran. Allen followed and cornered him a-

gainst a wall. "I'll give you another chance," he said, leveling his revolver. The man, apparently too frightened to speak, gave him the watch.

Allen went home and told his wife of his adventure. "Why, your watch is in there on the dresser; you didn't take it with you."

she exclaimed. Now Allen is looking for the man he held up. Twenty Years a Bigot.

wrong side of a question. Egbert-How do you know? Bacon-Why. I've known him for

twenty years, and in all that time And when the night is darkest the dawn I never knew him to think the same way as I have.

THE WOMAN IN BRONZE.

and leaving him on the broken edge Striking Figure of a Woman Who She covered her face with her hands. Died of a Broken Heart. 'Oh!" she murmured. I didn't know

A story of unrequited love is mutely told in cold bronze and marble in one "He told me once," he went on, 'that it had left him with the feeling that of the cemeteries in the city of Washfire would never touch him, but that ington, D. C.



Washington society. The woman's love, however, still went out to the poor artist and her husband, who had been informed of the peculiar state of affairs, could do nothing to win his wife's affection. All the gifts that with the doors and windows. That's money could buy were showered upon her, but to no purpose.

months after their marriage Le found on their way home there was an awk his wife lying dead in a room in their house, the poor girl having died of a broken heart. Although deeply attached to his wife, he was struck with admiration by her devotion to his rival, and when she was buried in the family lot in Rock Creek Cemetery, he commissioned St. Gaudens, the scupitor, to make a bronze statue of heroic size, depicting her as she was found, dead and covered with her bathrobe.

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while Prince of Wales, appears to have been greatly misunderstood. Many scandals were laid at his door; many journalists and prominent writers found themselves unable to resist temptation of making him the theme extravagant stories without foundation, or at best based only upon

While making no pretence to be--well, rather fond of me, Eliza ing a saint, his morals were neither away all the dirt from the clothes, in from six to ten minutes by the clock.

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Home from the Philipines.

I've been thinking, since our boy returned to us one morning.

And in spite of all our doubts and fears he stood before our view.

What was written by a friend of his, so cheerily and brightly. "Not to ever trouble trouble till trouble troubles you."
The lad returned in safety, spite of chills and spite of fever, Spite of all the many dangers of the land and of the sea, ite of anything we dreaded, spite of faith evinced by neither; Spite Hereafter let no trouble trouble you nor trouble me; For when the skies are darkest and a For threatened storm surrounds us. Shutting out the glorious sunlight from our nearer sighted view.

Then appears the "silver lining" that on every cloud is shining:

cvery cloud is saming:
So never trouble trouble till trouble
troubles you.
That every back is fitted for the burden
that is given
Is a saying trite, if ancient, while it's always proven true.

And if the burden's grievous, the good Lord will arrange it That the trouble will be gone before the trouble troubles you.
"Tis shown that both our hopes and fears are half unticipation.

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"OH!" SHE CRIED. "YOU'VE HURT YOUR HAND; IT'S BLEEDING."

him. "Yes," she said gravely; "they laughed recklessly. "In a few minutes do look like that." gan to move. "Oh, thank God!" shrieked a fashion-

hideous by fear. A sea of other faces, stamped with turned towards the stage at the cry. For an instant the tumult sank to some-

thing like silence. Hope and thankfulness arose in a thousand breasts. Then I do." the tumult began again. "It's stuck! Oh. it's stuck!"-and the fight for life continued in all its

sickening cowardly savagery.

answered. Then again it was the Other bim with a C, because he is a Coward Man who spoke. "Unless they get the curtain down in time, none." he answered.

"There are no other exits; I know that the reason?" the place well. It won't be the fire probably, but the-smoke. In a minute or two we must move further back but not as bad as all that. Are you

restraint And then suddenly the Husband stood up. They both turned towards him. His face was gray, and his lips trembled.

"Not this way," he murmured in a shaking voice, "Ah, merciful heaven, not again this way!"

The Woman quivered as beneath a lash, and her face became drawn. "John!" she said sharply, "John!" He started slightly, "Yes?"

She would not let her eyes meet his lagain this way?" "Please go away," she said in a low He hesitated a moment, "What for?"

he asked. She stirred impatiently wan smile. "Oh, I don't care. Get a whisky- andor perhaps you'd better leave out the theatre. He was with them, the floor-

Suddenly the fireproof curtain be right to make the most of them? Do profuse apology. you love me, Elizabeth?" He drew her towards him, and she did not resist. and she scorned impending fate.

"Yes," she said absently, "I believe "Ah, say it again," he urged, "with-

out the 'believe.' " The smoke was rapidly thickening. "Have we any chance!" asked the love with a B," she said flippantly, "be-Woman simply. For a moment neither cause he is brave, and I hate my--a Coward!"

His arms relaxed suddenly. dear don't!" he cried. "Is that all? Is "All?" she echoed. "Isn't it enough?"

"No," he said bitterly; "I'm a cad, from it." He spoke with admirable blind? Don't you know what was the matter with him?"

"He was afraid," she whispered. "My husband, afraid!"

Neither of them noticed that in front

of the blazing stage the fireproof curtain had suddenly finished its arrested descent, and that a semi-lull ensued. "Yes" he cried' with a revulsion of loyalty to his friend, "afraid of losing you. Surely you know what happened to his father and mother? D.dn't you even wonder what he meant by "Not

She shook her head, "Wives know so Bacon-That man is always on the little of their husband's bachelor experience," she reminded him with a

"They were burnt to death, when he soda if you know where to find it. or- was a bov" he said, "like this, in a

to think of anyone he cared for being The story runs that a beautiful young woman, daughter of rich parin a fire made him-well, what you They were silent for an instant struggling artist. The attraction was 'Hullo!" he said suddenly, "they've mutual, but her family aspired to a wealthy alliance. Finally, filial duty won the day and the girl was led to the altar by a rich suitor. They lived together for some time, and the brilliancy of the match was the talk of The words passed from mouth to



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